

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1.-11. (Cancelled).
12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the granules are obtained by powder-coating when the plant substance is in the form of a dry extract.
13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the granules are obtained by coating in solution when the plant substance is in the form of a soft or fluid extract.
14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the fluid extract contains from 30 to 40% v/v alcohol.
15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein 5 to 25% by weight of organic solvents are used.
16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the size of the neutral core is between 950 and 1400  $\mu\text{m}$ , and wherein the plant extract is dry.
17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the size of the neutral core is between 900 and 1250  $\mu\text{m}$ , and wherein the plant extract is soft or fluid.
18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the percentage by mass of fluid extract used is between 15 and 25% relative to the weight of the granules.
19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~11~~ 23, wherein the percentage by mass of dry extract is as high as 75% relative to the weight of the granules.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~14~~ 23, wherein the granules are prepared in a pan or in a fluidized air bed.

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (New) A method for preparing granules containing a plant substance comprising coating a neutral core with a layer containing the plant substance, wherein:

the neutral core has a particle size of between 200 and 1600  $\mu\text{m}$  and consists of a substance selected from the group consisting of sugar, starch, mannitol, sorbitol, xylitol, cellulose, talc, and mixtures thereof;

the layer further comprises polyvinylpyrrolidone as a binder and optionally another pharmaceutically acceptable excipient;

and the plant substance is applied on the neutral core in the form of a dry, soft or fluid extract.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the neutral core consists of starch and sucrose in a 20:80 mass ratio.

25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the neutral core consists of no more than 20% sucrose by mass.